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Lorents Grosfield, Lt. Gov. John Bolinger  
cc: Jill Cohenour, Lynda Moss, Janet Kelly, Chas Van Genderen, Denise King, Jim Poor, Sandi  
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Thanks to you and your willingness to assist, Senate Bill 69 passed third reading in the House of Representatives yesterday.

With your assistance, we will now be able to pay tribute to a truly uncommonly common Montanan who, in the face of long odds, had the courage to serve and the conviction to contribute over and over again.

The third reading vote was close.

Real close.

[Senate Bill 69](#) Vote tabulation

In many ways, perhaps it is fitting that a bill to memorialize Francis' public service did pass by a single vote. He always seemed to have a way of accomplishing things without a lot of room to spare and more often with little margin of error.

Thank you for taking the time to contribute to the passage of this legislation.

Be well.

Respectfully,

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